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**19 Weekly Notices | 18 – 19 December 2021**

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### **Christmas Masses 2021**

**5:00pm Vigil Christmas Eve**  
**8:00pm Vigil Christmas Eve**  
**12:00am Christmas Day (Midnight Mass)**  
**9:00am Christmas Day**

QR Code check-ins are required for entry to the church. Masks are no longer required but are highly recommended. No pre-registration is required.

Please Note: Conditions of attendance may change at any time in accordance with the Diocese of Wollongong & NSW Government.

**There are no Masses on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> December 2021.**

### **Sacrament of First Holy Communion**

Congratulations to all the candidates that received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion last weekend.

Thank you to all the Catechist teachers, Holy Family School teachers and staff, our Parish volunteers, parents, and carers for their contribution to make this day special for each of the children. We also thank Fr Sean leading this special celebration

### **A Big Thank You from Ingleburn St Vincent de Paul Conference Members**

The Ingleburn St Vincent de Paul Society Conference members would like to offer our sincere thanks to the Holy Family Ingleburn parishioners, including those who contributed directly to our online fundraising page, and to the Holy Family School Parents & Friends Association for your generosity in contributing to the Ingleburn Conference Christmas appeal. The total amount of money raised to date, is \$3,688.15, which was a wonderful response during the continuing coronavirus pandemic.

We are also very grateful to the Holy Family School students and their families who contributed Christmas food hampers, and to the student leaders and teachers who coordinated this appeal and compiled the hampers. These hampers were distributed to struggling families and individuals in the Ingleburn community and were greatly appreciated.

### **Advent Resource**

Families are invited to use this wonderful advent resource in preparing primary aged children for Christmas. It is full of games, activities, stories, and music. Please click on

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to use this free Catholic resource.

### **The Piety Stall is open**

Columban Calendars and Christmas cards are now available. The Piety Stall will once again be open after the 5pm Saturday Mass and the Sunday 9.30am Mass. Please come and look at the range of devotional and inspiration gifts. There are appropriate cards and gifts available for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. As well as a service to the parishioners, any funds raised from the Piety Stall go to the St Vincent de Paul parish work.



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## **Support our Holy Family Primary School**

We congratulate the Year 6 class of 2021 and wish them all the very best for high school. We hope all the staff and families at Holy Family School have a wonderful Christmas. Click on the link below to see the amazing efforts from the Holy Family School community. Don't forget to 'Like' the Facebook page and stay informed about all the exciting things happening at our parish school. [Holy Family School Facebook Page](#)

## **The Journey, 19 December 2021 – Your Diocese of Wollongong Weekly Podcast**

Fr Chris Sarkis' gospel reflection. Mother Hilda says God is always with us in our life now, despite our failings. Plus the Spirit of a pandemic year, four reflections from listeners on the blessings encountered during this year, and more great music for Advent!

The Journey available now as a podcast – [www.jcr.org.au](http://www.jcr.org.au).

## **An invitation to join electronic parish planned giving**

Given that some parishioners are unable to attend Mass in our church, many who support our parish planned giving envelope program have asked how they can continue to financially support the parish. So, we respectfully encourage all parishioners to join our electronic parish planned giving program to help us ensure that we limit the financial pressure this current situation will impose on our parish. Please visit <https://www.dow.org.au/plannedgiving/> to learn of the two simple ways you can give to our parish electronically.

## **The Year of St Joseph**

Pope Francis on 8 December 2020 published an Apostolic Letter *Patris corde* (With a Father's Heart), commemorating the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. You are encouraged to visit the ACBC year of St Joseph page at <https://www.catholic.org.au/yearofstjoseph>

## **CatholicCare - We're always here, if you ever need...**

These are challenging times for everyone and CatholicCare are here to support you and your family to navigate the uncertainty. We offer confidential online and phone counselling to support you with the frustration of managing family emotions, relationship pressures and employment changes. To find out more about CatholicCare's counselling service call us on 4254 9395 or email [intakeservice@catholiccare.dow.org.au](mailto:intakeservice@catholiccare.dow.org.au)

**Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.**

(Jesus, Luke 1:42)